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Re: Notice of Petition for Temporary Change under License 11395

Gentlemen:

This letter is written on behalf of Stockton East Water District regarding the Notice of Petition for Temporary Change involving the transfer of up to 15,000 acre-feet of water from the Merced irrigation District to four state water contractor agencies under License 11395 (Application 16186).

While the requested transfer of water from the Merced River would not adversely impact operation of the New Melones Project, refill of Lake McClure the following season has the potential to alter flows in the San Joaquin River. Reduced flows in the San Joaquin River can trigger flow requirements and impose increased demands on New Melones Reservoir. To insure no injury to legal users of water on the Stanislaus River, appropriate refill criteria should be imposed. The Notice states that "MID is willing to accept refill criteria to ensure that no injury to other legal users of water results from the transfer." Provided such criteria are imposed, Stockton East Water District will have no objection to the requested change.

Very truly yours,



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